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Sam,

This is in reference to your voice mail message for the Kalamazoo River Sedimentation Removal project. It is fine to use non-government biologist in lieu of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists. Here's an excerpt from letters our office normally sends out when we requests surveys (in this case, FHWA is the funding agency; Mitchell's satyr butterfly and Indiana bat habitat may be impacted):

For the FHWA or its designee to address ESA section 7 obligations described above, we suggest a survey of the proposed project areas to determine their suitability to support the Mitchell's satyr butterfly and/or Indiana bats. If suitable habitat is present, and direct effects are possible, an approved survey for the presence of these species by a qualified, permitted specialist should be conducted and the results incorporated as appropriate in the determination of effects.

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